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1. ON OCCASION OF ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEGINNING OF THE
FINAL DRIVE OF THE 1922 MILITARY CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE
GREEKS, CHIEF OF TURKISH GENERAL STAFF (TGS) GENERAL
SAMIH SANCAR ON AUGUST 25 COMMENTED ON TURKEY'S DEFENSE
POSTURE AND ALLIANCE WITH U.S. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM HIS MESSAGE TO THE ARMED FORCES REPORTED IN ALL
PAPERS AND ON RADIO/TV: "NO MORE IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT
HAS TAKEN PLACE IN THE PAST YEAR THAN THE EMBARGO UNJUSTLY
IMPOSED ON TURKEY WHO HAS ALWAYS FULFILLED HER ALLIANCE
COMMITMENTS IN THE BEST WAY, WHO LOST HER CHILDREN IN
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KOREA FOR THE SAKE OF WORLD PEACE AND WHO BEARS GREAT

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PEACE TODAY. IN PARTICULAR, WE
CANNOT COMPROMISE THE (NATO) ALLIANCE UNDERSTANDING WITH
THIS INCOMPREHENSIBLE TREATMENT OF OUR DEFENSE FORCE BY
A FRIENDLY AND ALLIED STATE . . ." REFERRING TO GREECE,
SANCAR SAID: "IT IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE HOW IMPORTANT TO
OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS AND RIGHTS IS EACH OF THE
PROBLEMS EXISTING BETWEEN US AND COUNTRY WHICH IS OUR
ALLY IN NATO. FOR THAT REASON, THE WINDING UP OF THE
PROBLEMS THROUGH PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT DELAY IN
A WAY TO RESPOND EFFECTIVELY TO NATIONAL INTERESTS HAS
A CLOSE BEARING ON OUR FUTURE." THE "ACCUMULATION OF
UNSOVED PROBLEMS," HE CONCLUDED , WOULD CAUSE GREATER
DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING SOLUTIONS IN FUTURE.
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